



City of Annapolis

RULES AND CITY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE FINDINGS

ON THE REPORT OF THE ANNAPOLIS GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION (AGSCRC) (AGSCRC Report Dated January 17, 2002)

AGSCRC Recommendation 1: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to provide for non-partisan elections for the mayor and aldermen, including non-partisan procedures for the appointment of supervisors of elections and for the filling of mid-term vacancies in the offices of mayor and aldermen.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **UNFAVORABLE**

AGSCRC Recommendation 2: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to clarify that the third member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections may have any political party affiliation.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**, see attached **CA-1-03, a Resolution concerning Political Parties and the Board of Supervisors of Elections.**

AGSCRC Recommendation 3: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to require that special elections for the filling of mid-term office vacancies be conducted when a vacancy occurs within 12 months, instead of 15 months, of a regularly scheduled election.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **UNFAVORABLE**

AGSCRC Recommendation 4: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to delete the provision that limits the office of

mayor from being held by the same person for no more than two (2) full consecutive terms.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **UNFAVORABLE**

AGSCRC Recommendation 5: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to restrict aldermanic communications on City service delivery issues to the mayor and city administrator.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**, see attached **CA-2-03, a Resolution concerning Aldermanic Communications with City Employees**.

Note: The Committee amended this resolution to widen the scope of acceptable aldermanic inquiries made directly to city department directors.

AGSCRC Recommendation 6: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to remove inconsistent language describing the city administrator and to revise certain employment conditions.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**, see attached **CA-3-03, a Resolution concerning The City Administrator**.

Note: The Committee amended this Resolution to remove the requirement that a City Administrator be a member in good standing of the International City and County Management Association at the time of hire or at any time during his or her tenure.

AGSCRC Recommendation 7: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to provide that the city administrator, instead of the mayor, shall present credentials of potential department directors to the city council; to provide that the city administrator, instead of the mayor, will have the authority to remove department directors; and to provide that the city administrator, instead of the mayor, shall determine the amount of compensation for department directors.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**, see attached **CA-4-03, a Resolution concerning The City Administrator and Authority Regarding Department Directors**.

AGSCRC Recommendation 8: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of

Annapolis to require that proposed revisions to the city charter be submitted by the periodic charter revision commissions within six months instead of within a one-year period.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**, see attached **CA-5-03, a Resolution concerning Charter Revision Commissions**.

Note: The Committee amended this Resolution to:

- a. Require the AGSCRC Report to be formally submitted to the City Council at the time of its introduction.
- b. Require any city council standing committees referred the AGSCRC Report to act upon same, in full, within 6 months of the date upon which the Report was introduced to the city council.

AGSCRC Recommendation 9: For the purpose of amending the Charter of the City of Annapolis to grant authority to the mayor and aldermen to request public hearings on ordinances and resolutions, and to require subsequent public hearings when these same ordinances and resolutions have been substantially revised.

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**, see attached **CA-6-03, a Resolution concerning Public Hearing Procedures for Ordinances and Resolutions**.

Note: The Committee amended this Resolution to require that Ordinances or Resolutions be rendered defunct and ineligible for council consideration if not acted upon within 120 days of the legislation's submission to the city council.

OTHER AGSCRC RECOMMENDATIONS

Housekeeping Review

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Professional Assistance for the Commission

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Powers of the Mayor: Veto & Voting Solely to Make or Break a Tie CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION WITHDREW THIS RECOMMENDATION

Use of the Title "Alderman"

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **UNFAVORABLE**

The Electoral Process

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

The Role of the Mayor as Chief Executive

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

The Role of the Mayor as Presiding Officer of the City Council

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **UNFAVORABLE**

The Acting Mayor

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City Council Committees

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Aldermanic Term Limits

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Removal of City Administrator

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Salaries of the Mayor and Aldermen

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Redistricting

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**

Charter Commission Timing

Rules and City Government Committee Action: **FAVORABLE**